Abohar
Tarantaran
Rampuraphul
Mandi Gobindgarh
Khanna
Gidderbabha
Mohali
Patiala
Samana
Hoshiarpur
Dhuri
Barnala
Urmar Tanda
Bassipathana
Gurdaspur
Malaout
Muktsar
Mukerian
Bhatinda
Sunam
Banga
Faridkot
Amritsar
Mansa
Rajpura
Fazilka
Malerkotla
Nabha
Nangal
Ferozpur
Jalandhar
Nawasahar
Kotkapura
Pathankot
Ropar
Batala
Jagraon.

(c) With the measures already initiated, the situation has since considerably improved. The supply position is being closely monitored by the oil industry with a view to ensuring regular LPG supplies to consumers in the State.

Growth centres for Punjab to industrialise the State

1313. SHRI HARVENDRA SINGH HANSPAL: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Central Government propose to set up three growth centres for Punjab under its scheme to industrialise the State;

(b) if so, the locations where these growth centres would be set up in Punjab; and

(c) to what extent the growth of industries in the State will be boosted as a result thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (c) In the first phase, it has been decided to set up two growth centres in Punjab. The growth centres will be identified in consultation with the State Governments concerned. It is expected that growth centres would act as the magnet for attracting industries and once developed will give a fillip to the industrialisation of the State.

Steps to remove the industrial backwardness in Madhya Pradesh

1314. SHRI SURENDRA SINGH THAKUR: Will the Minister of INDUSTRY be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that Madhya Pradesh is industrially backward as compared to other larger States of the country;

(b) if so, what are the details of industrial backwardness of Madhya Pradesh;

(c) what steps have been taken by Government to remove the regional imbalances in the industrial development of Madhya Pradesh; and

(d) how much investment has been made during the Five Year Plan period to remove backwardness of Madhya Pradesh?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF INDUSTRIAL DEVELOPMENT IN THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRY (SHRI M. ARUNACHALAM): (a) to (d) Madhya Pradesh has been identified as an industrially backward State. In order to attract entrepreneurs to set up industries in the industrially backward districts identified by the Central Government, they have been extended Central Subsidy besides other concessions like concessional finance, exemption from Income Tax, prioirity in the grant of industrial licences etc. During the last 5 years, a total amount of Rs. 45.89 crores has been reimbursed to Madhya Pradesh as Central Subsidy. In addition, a total amount of Rs. 2.75 crores has been released as first instalment of Centre's share on development of growth centres in the districts of Bhind, Mandla, Jhabua, Dhar, Panna and Rajgarh.

Production and demand of LPG cylinders

1315. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS be pleased to state:

(a) whether it is a fact that there is a long gap between the production and demand of LPG cylinders in the country;

(b) whether Government would like to increase the production of such cylinders in the existing units or to increase the number of such cylinder manufacturing units in the country to narrow the gap between the demand and production of such cylinders to meet its growing demand; and

(c) if so, the details of the decision, if already taken in this respect?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF PETROLEUM AND NATURAL GAS (SHRI BRAHM DUTT) (a) No, Sir.

(b) and (c) The LPG cylinder requirement of the oil indsutry is being adequately met with the capacity already available with the existing cylinder manufacturing units.

Excess Billing by DESU

1316. DR. YELAMANCHILI SIVAJI: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are aware that Delhi Electric Supply Undertaking (DESU) has over-charged the Small Industrial Power consumers by excess-billing;

(b) if so, what is the approximate amount overcharged by DESU since April, 1987; and

(c) what steps Government propose to take to offer relief to the aggrieved consumers and by when the refund will be allowed or adjusted in future bills?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF POWER IN THE MINISTRY OF ENERGY (SHRI KALPNATH RAI): (a) to (c) The information is being collected and will be laid on the Table of the House.

Writing off the Electricity Bills of Small Farmers

1317. SHRI S. S. AHLUWALIA: Will the Minister of ENERGY be pleased to state:

(a) whether Union Government have issued any guidelines/instructions to the State Governments to write off the electricity bills against small and marginal farmers who are not in a position to pay them in view of draught situation in the States; if so, what are the details thereof; and

(b) the amount of financial assistance already given or proposed to be